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SUBJECT: SENGHOR ON VISIT TO BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU, HOPES
MEDIATE UPPER VOLTA-MALI BORDER DISPUTE

1. SENEGALESE MEDIA ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 17 THAT PRESIDENT
SENGHOR AND NIGER PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE HAD ARRIVED IN BAMAKO.
MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING IN FRAMEWORK OF WEST AFRICAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (CEAO) AND CONCERNED WITH SETTLING BORDER
PROBLEM BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND KOUNTCHE WOULD
GO TO OUAGADOUGOU FEBRUARY 18. PRESIDENT SENGHOR REMINDED
PRESS THAT HE WILL SOON REPLACE KOUNTCHE AS CHAIRMAN OF CEAO.
HE SAID THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSION AT OUAGADOUGOU ABOUT TIMING
FOR NEXT MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. IN CONNECTION WITH NEXT
CEAO SESSION, SENGHOR SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR BEARINGS
(FAIRE LE POINT) ON A SOLUTION TO THE MALIAN-VOLTAN BORDER
DISAGREEMENT." SENGHOR DESCRIBED THAT DISAGREEMENT AS
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"AN OBSTACLE TO OUR DEVELOPMENT" AND SAID "WE ARE GOING TO

MAKE AN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO IT."

2. SENGHOR ALSO SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH MALIAN PRESIDENT
TRAORE ACTIVITIES OF SENEGAL RIVER VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS).
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